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SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF: MEDICAL SUPPLIES

REF: A) STATE 259434 B) STATE 258848 C) BEIRUT 13582

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFS A AND B, I SENT AID OFFICER TO AUB TO SHOW DR. KIRKWOOD EXACT WORDING OUR 13582. HE AGREED FULLY WITH TEXT. SINCE LAST NIGHT HIS TELEX GOT BACK IN OPERATION AND HE SENT PARTIAL LIST OF SUPPLIES TO BILL RICE. HE HAS ALSO BRIEFED RICE ON APPROACH DESCRIBED REF C AND GIVEN RICE INSTRUCTION ON SHIPPING VIA TRANS MED (TMA) WHICH IS LEBANESE OWNED ALL-FREIGHT LINE. OWNER OF TMA HAS AGREED FLY AUB'S SUPPLIES GRATIS.

2. AT OUR SUGGESTION DR. KIRKWOOD HAS AGREED TO HAVE ONE OF HIS SENIOR PEOPLE, PROBABLY VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE HAKIM, CONTACT LEBANESE RED CROSS AND BRIEF THEM ON FACT AUB IS BRINGING IN MEDICAL SUPPLIES ON EMERGENCY BASIS.

3. ON AUB GEARING UP FOR TASK, DR. KIRKWOOD INDICATED HE WILL RETAIN OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING EFFORT INCLUDING FINAL APPROVAL
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TO RELEASE SUPPLIES ON REQUEST. HE HAS DESIGNATED

BUSINESS MANAGER HERBERT RUETZEL TO COORDINATE SHIPPING AND OTHER DETAILS. KIRKWOOD BELIEVES HE CAN GET VOLUNTEERS FOR OTHER JOBS.

4. ONE POINT DR. KIRKWOOD MADE WAS THAT AUH WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RUN DELIVERY SERVICE. HOSPITAL REQUESTING SUPPLIES WILL HAVE TO ARRANGE TO PICK THEM UP FROM AUH. THIS SEEMS ONLY PRACTICAL IN PRESENT SITUATION.

5. FOR THE RECORD, I HAVE DESIGNATED THOMAS BALL, AID AFFAIRS OFFICER, AS MISSION DISASTER RELIEF OFFICER. TOM HAS BEEN HANDLING THIS MATTER SINCE THE BEGINNING.
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